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WM. E. THOMPSON ELECTED MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION

There will be no election either for councillors or trustees this year all having been returned by acclamation. Mayor Menard, whose term has just expired, announced he did not care to run again for the position so on Monday W. E. Thompson, who has been on the council board for some years, was nominated for the honor.

The two new councillors are A. W. Gilbert, who will be serving for the first time, and R. S. Haskayne, who has served as alderman for a term some years ago. The other councillors are P. Deshayes, L. Michael, T. C. Brown and J. H. Wright.

The same school trustees as last term will serve on the school board. Those whose terms had expired were returned by acclamation are Dr. Farquharson, W. J. McKay and J. Roy. The others on the board are P. Warner and W. Ferguson.

IF THIS HAPPENED HERE

By G.W.H.

Let me paint a picture for you. You are standing on your front sidewalk. Daylight has just come and the early sun is threatening its way through the trees and chimneys of the city houses to the east. Inside your home, your good wife is getting breakfast ready and your children are dressing for school.

You are very weary, and you know that your wife and your children are tired too, because all of you were awakened at one o'clock in the morning by the walling street, which warned the enemy bombers were approaching. And all of you rushed to the bomb shelter you fired up in the back yard, to huddle uncomfortably for three hours.

The peace of the morning seems unreal. You still hear the deafening roar of the exploding bomb which fell close while you were in the shelter, see the terrified eyes of the youngest boy as the very ground shook beneath you.

Now you gaze across the street at the gutted mass of broken brick and wood that just last night were the home of your friends and neighbors. You shudder as your mind goes back to the scene of just three hours ago when you stood looking through the debris over there to reach your neighbor's shelter, there to find your friend and two shrank by exhaustion.

In the quiet of the morning your thoughts turn only to the rubbings of bodies you shared with your neighbor and his wife where that ghastly gas is you remember how proud they were of their new living room fitted out new pulverized with brick. You recall the eagerness of your neighbors in talking about their hopes for the future, their plans for their children.

Then comes the sickening realization that all that has been shattered by explosives from the sky.

Suddenly, you wheel around and survey your own home. There it stands, shattering and in ruins. Immediate loved ones as it has in the past years. Your wife's new curtains hang gracefully, your new glass in front of them is gone. You wonder why how much it will cost you to replace the glass, and your calculations are abruptly interrupted by another thought which makes your heart stand still for a moment.

"Will it be our house to-night?" If such a picture were a reality, where would your inclination lie? Wouldn't you be not only willing to take steps which you must take as a Canadian citizen to thwart the effort of the enemy? Wouldn't you be hoping that our Air Force and Anti-Aircraft units would be stronger tomorrow than they were today? Wouldn't you be not only willing but determined to give up every dollar you could lay your hands on to help make those defenses stronger? With the lives of your family and your friends at stake, with such a constant threat against you, wouldn't you spend the sum total of your property, you would count as nothing too great a sacrifice.

NOT A ROMAN HOLIDAY



When Italian aircraft attempted their first raid against London they were intercepted by British Hurricane fighters. Thirteen Italian planes were shot down in fifteen minutes, and not a bomb was dropped on English soil. Photo shows an Italian fighter, shot down as it fled homeward over the coast.

Bakers' Dozen Attend Annual Meeting Town Ratepayers

There was a very small attendance at the annual ratepayers meeting Friday evening. Outside of town officials the mayor, councillors, one trustee, secretary-treasurer and town engineer, to the number of seven, only six taxpayers took enough interest in the affairs of the town to attend.

Those who attended the meeting were:

Mayor J. A. Menard.
Councillor W. E. Thompson.
Councillor Lou Michael.
Trustee W. J. McKay.
Engineer S. E. Lester.
Secretary-Treasurer W. J. Phythian.
Mrs. L. Michael.
A. W. Gilbert.
T. H. Beach.
T. W. Bates.
N. T. Purcell.
J. B. Robinson.

Ex-Mayor N. T. Purcell was elected to occupy the chair. He immediately called for the reports of the councillors to be read. Mayor Menard thanked the council for their co-operation during the year. For some reason or other the ratepayers overlooked thanking the council for the splendid work they had accomplished during 1940. They did their work with out pay and often putting other work aside to look after the affairs of the town.

No ratepayers had any questions to ask which would seem to indicate all were satisfied with the council's work. The meeting got underway at 8 p.m. and 8:50 it was adjourned.

Following is the reports as read to the meeting by Secretary Phythian.

The assessment of the town shows a slight increase over the previous year brought about by the fact that the Ogilvie Flour Mills and the North Star Oil having constructed buildings and oil tanks.

The mill rate for the municipal purposes was the same as the previous year. The tax levy for municipal purposes has been decreased from \$12,719 in 1938, to \$9,866 in 1940.

Collections of current taxes and arrears in 1938 amounted to \$12,132. In 1939, \$11,443 and in 1940, \$9,825. With that realization, Canadians are not going to be callous enough to spend money on unnecessary luxuries and excessive pleasures—money which can be diverted to War Savings Certificates and similar investments to help towards strengthening our defenses.

LOCAL TIGER TEAM DEFEAT JUNIOR BASSANO CLIPPERS

Saturday afternoon the Bassano Clippers played here against the Tigers. The teams were very evenly matched and despite the lopsided score and poor ice gave a very good exhibition of hockey. The game resulted in a win for the Tigers 9-1. Bassano lineup: Hayes, P. Walsh, T. McLean, Phipps, Baldwin, B. Wright, Londeside, Luskoeki, B. McLean, D. Fraser, J. Fraser and T. Redmond.

Tiger lineup: K. Mathison, J. Rodominski, L. Christensen, L. Quinnell, G. Mathison, D. Bold, D. Farquharson, D. Leacock, G. Varnell, T. James.

Walsh scored the only goal for Bassano he also got the only penalty for the visitors.

Gleichen goal getters: G. Mathison 1, Bold 3, Farquharson 3, James 1, D. Leacock 1.

Tiger penalties: Farquharson, Varnell, Nicholas, Rodominski.

The year showed \$10,319.33 and cash on hand of \$27,549. as against \$2,288.34 at the end of 1939. There were no accounts payable at the end of the year.

The Community Hall report showed that at the request of inspector of theatres the exit doors were made to comply with the regulations. A barrel of roof dressing was purchased for the roof. Due to existing conditions representations were made to your representatives were made to your picture show puppets and a reduction in price was granted. It all shows a profit for this year of \$90.

One call for the fire brigade was registered for the year in the town and this fire was quickly brought under control. One call was registered from the Indian reserve, but this was far advanced before the call was received that it was not possible to save the building. The voluntary fire brigade in each case turned out quickly as soon as the alarm was sounded. The equipment was maintained in good order throughout the year.

The air pressure in the water supply system is giving satisfactory service. There was no serious interruption in street lighting service during the year, and all street lights were maintained in good condition by a representative of the Calgary Power Company resident in town.

No extra police were employed on Halloween night, no complaints were registered with the town. A police patrol is maintained at the discretion of the police department. No convictions were registered during the year.

The irrigation water was turned into the lake in May and turned off in September. 75 acre feet of water was used at a cost of \$150. A connection was put in for the new park in Block L. All pipelines were maintained in good condition. The Salvation Army Evendine Home take water from the lake. An ample supply of water was maintained in the lake during the season and no shortage was reported.

The streets were maintained throughout. Crowfoot Street from the highway west to 5th Avenue was gravelled at a cost of \$246; cinders were used on Crowfoot Street from 5th Ave. west to the Bank corner, and on portions of other streets and sidewalks at a cost of \$170.

Minor repairs were made to plank sidewalks wherever found necessary. A number of leaks appeared in the water mains during the year and the cost of repairing them amounted to \$274.44. No serious inconvenience was caused water users on account of these repairs. The pressure appears to be sufficient for domestic purposes. There was \$144.22 levied for water frontage tax, \$267.57 of this has been collected, and \$111.00 is collectable, while \$35.25 of this levy is on properties which have been forfeited. No new connections were made during the year.

The health officer's report stated that during the month of January 1940 there was an outbreak of chickenpox. The necessary precautions were taken to prevent its spread. During the year the provincial sanitary inspector made three inspections of the town. He reported favorably on all



HOLLAND'S ARMY FIGHTS ON

Troops of the Royal Netherlands Army, having escaped German "protection" are now in Britain continuing the fight for Holland's freedom. Dutch gunners of the British Coastal defences are here seen having Lewis gun exercises.

except the dairies, in some cases there were found unsatisfactory. Your school board of health took the matter up with these dairies, and had them put right with the exception that in some cases the nature of the buildings were unsatisfactory for dairy purposes. In December there was an outbreak of measles, and one case of whooping cough, but as this new outbreak took place at the time when the schools were closing for the Xmas holidays the school attendance was not affected, otherwise the health of the town has been very good.

SCHOOL MEETING

Immediately following the town meeting the school report was read and showed that 183 pupils are enrolled. The school inspector had suggested that a lady teacher who was a university graduate be engaged to fill a vacancy. Accordingly Miss Glendon had been engaged and she was appointed vice-principal.

A contract was entered into with Wm. Watson to convert children from the Gleichen S. D. Hammer Hill School. The Gleichen S. D. pays \$200 a day for this service and the Bow Valley school division pays \$3 per day.

The retiring trustees this year are G. H. Farquharson, John Boyd and W. J. McKay.

The school inspector's report had the following to say of the school: The main front wall is noticeably shivered on the right side of the building. The play ground is unattractive and the fence is in need of repair. It is unlikely that this old school will be replaced in the near future, so it would appear to be good business to keep it in good state.

of repair until such time as the main front wall building is feasible. Students spend one-seventh of their lives in this building.

There is not nearly enough light in the south room and what windows there are have heavy blind. Vegetation blinds are indicated as a need here.

The canons of good taste are violated in the choice of pictures in the south room. They are not well framed or well hung. There is no flag, no picture of the reigning sovereign. All the floors are in poor shape, also the stairs.

The fire escape is emphatically insecure and constitutes a hazard.

Your school board is urged to plan and implement a program of repair and renovation of your school plant. I note with gratification the new experimental table for chemistry. This is a step in the right direction. Before Chemistry 2 can be offered, however, there should be more room for moving around this table. A set of accurate balances is required, also a sink and a fume cabinet.

The blackboards are of slate and in fine condition. There is a useful micro-projector for biology; six microscopes are available.

Equipment in the hall is excellent for physical education 2. References are made to the Social Studies. There are many co-curricular activities, athletics, musical and patriotic, in this high school.

An effort should be made to institute courses in General Social and Home Economics in co-operation with nearby towns or with the large division.

At certain periods of the day there are insufficient seats in the junior room and students sit two by two.

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LIST OF SOLDIERS ENLISTED FROM THIS DISTRICT

More names have been added to the list below of men who have enlisted from this district. A. V. Symes of Queenstown draws our attention to the fact that there are 14 enlistments from Queenstown. This is indeed a good record for a small town. The list of men from Queenstown are under a separate heading.

Major W. E. Taylor: 108 Bat. R.C.A.
Lieut. J. Cook: 108 Bat. R.C.A.
C. O. Phillips, R.C.A.
W. Hill, R.C.A.
H. Bogstie, R.C.A.
W. E. Bogstie, R.C.A.
T. Mausa, R.C.C.S.
W. Schmidt, R.C.C.S.
N. Anglin, R.C.A.S.C.
A. Fescock, R.C.A.S.C.
G. Bogstie, R.C.A.S.C.
N. Gregory, R.C.A.S.C.
R. Willis, R.C.A.
R. Birch, R.C.A.
John Bell, Calgary Highlanders.
S. Gutzrah, Calgary Highlanders.
J. Gutzrah, Calgary Highlanders.
R. Gutzrah, Seaforth Highlanders.
J. W. Desjardins, R.C.A.
L. McHugh, R.C.O.C.
C. McHugh, R.C.O.C.
J. Walker, R.A.F.
G. Walker, R.A.F.
James Plant, R.A.F.
C. McLeod, R.C.A.F.
W. MacCallum, R.C.A.F.
J. House, R.C.A.F.
A. Clifford, R.C.A.F.
F. Michael, R.C.A.F.
A. Riddell, R.C.A.F.
D. Woods, R.C.A.F.
L. Gilbert, R.C.A.F.
R. Desjardins, R.C.A.F.
J. W. Nicholas, R.C.A.F.
E. Daw, R.C.A.F.
K. Watts, R.C.A.F.
J. Richards, R.C.A.
T. Dankworthy, R.C.A.

D. Moore, R.C.A.
T. Downey, R.C.A.M.C.
G. Bogstie, R.C.A.S.C.
J. Grant Petvil Co, R.C.A.S.C.
B. Sheets, R.C.A.S.C.
J. Shultz, R.C.A.S.C.
E. Fairburn, R.C. Navy.
W. Thorburn, R.C. Navy.
A. Bremner, Provost Co.
R. Moss, R.E.
P. Moss, R.C.E.
M. Moss, R.C.C.S.
W. Service, Home Guard.
F. W. Jones, Home Guard.
Enlisted in 22nd-78th Battery, R.C. A.

E. E. Lester
R. C. Clifford
E. T. Woods
W. E. Murray
V. E. Jennings
L. R. Thorburn
N. H. Freshwater
R. Taylor
S. Barabash
S. Brown
O. Engstrom
G. V. Newell
L. Davenport
J. G. Nell

QUEENSTOWN ENLISTMENT

W. Oiler, Jr., R.C.A.
W. Payne, R.C.A.
G. S. Brown, R.C.A.
T. M. Brown, R.C.A.
K. McLaughlin, R.C.A.
S. McDermitt, R.C.A.
O. Lahl, R.C.A.
E. Kingsmith
S. Schultz, R.C.A.
John James, R.C.A.S.C.
D. Clemmons, R.C.O.C.
W. Strum, R.C.O.C.
G. Strum, R.C.O.C.
G. Lahl, R.C.E.

The bonspiel got underway last Wednesday, but owing to soft ice the committee decided that night to postpone the remainder of the games until ice conditions improved.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH ELECT OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

A well attended meeting of the members of St. Andrew's Church was held Friday evening at the home of Mrs. R. S. Haskayne, when business for the past year was reviewed and plans laid for the future.

The W. A. and the Sunday School gave very satisfactory reports. The following officers were elected: Pastor's warden, R. S. Haskayne; People's warden, A. F. MacCallum; Vestrymen, Messrs. Ostrander, Bates, Goodwin, Moore Webb, Yates, Blackie and Ashby.

A picture of Major W. Taylor with a number of other soldiers standing before an unexploded German bomb has been published in a paper. The Major is the only one in the picture known in these parts.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 14—Valentine dance at Meadowbrook Hall.
March 17—St. Patrick's dance at Meadowbrook Hall.

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GLEICHEN, ALBERTA

THE RUM ISSUE

BY FRED JONES
This Column Given to News of the
Gleichen Branch of the Canadian
Legion

Stand To!

Contrary to what one might think this is the worst time of all for country branches of the Legion. So many young men in uniform who have the privilege of visiting any Legion branch are away at the age training centres and the old members are in the militia at local or regular training centres, or in the Veterans Guard. A few from almost every branch have joined overseas units and are away but it is to be hoped that those left at home can keep the branches alive in order to preserve an organization ready to work for a square deal for the young soldiers who will return from this new war. There was nothing like the Legion or anything else for the men at the end of the last war and it took years to get where the soldier could have his case presented to the government in a manner which could demand consideration. We hope when the boys come home we will not be obliged to wait fifteen or sixteen years before we get a measure like the war veterans allowance.

It would not take long to round up Hitler if the radio programs could lend us the "Lone Ranger, Shipman, Flash Gordon or even good old Popoey."

We are still wondering whether Canada is really putting every effort into the war. It seems strange that Ouelin slope and the steel melting furnace and the roller mills of the Dominion Bridge Co. in Calgary are not going full blast. Of course, it would not do to complain about something just for the sake of kicking but we should be told the reason and not left in doubt. It has been said that the cost of transportation from the west is so high, but that is no reason as there is a government railway and the money would only be taken from one pocket to go into the other.

Even old timers can hardly recall more than one or two winters as fine as the one we are getting through even if it does change for the worse soon.

Your correspondent received an interesting letter from Mr. Jas. Black. He states that around Taber things ahead in winter as well as in summer as there are many thousands of sheep and cattle fed on the range there and, that is not fed to keep them alive until spring, but to turn them on the market as fat stock.

It appears that the Blitzkrieg against Britain will soon be attempted and we are bound to think of those friends and relatives over there. But the thing has to be met sooner or later, so the only thing to do is to keep your chin up and let them come and do what we can to help.

Lights Out!

OLD SUN GRADS DEFEAT STANDARD BY 5-6 SCORE

Despite soft ice Saturday night Old Sun Grads and Standard hockey teams gave a very good exhibition of hockey. Old Sun won by a score of 5-6. At the end of the second period Standard was two goals up 5 to 3. They had many opportunities to score and shot many times but managed to beat Stevens only twice. On each occasion the Grads left Standard players uncovered. In the third period the boys from the south stepped out and decided to go places. The result of these power plays was three goals, while the Standard boys never got a look in. The Indians made their final goal a second or two before the final bell.

The Indians state the Grads are entering into the provincial playoffs. If this is so they should do well since they are the champions around here. Following is the Grad lineup:

Patrick Stevens, Moses McGuire, Josie Fox, Geo. Turning Robe, Gordon Yellow Fly, Fred Custer, Mark Wolf Leg and Charlie McMatteer.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS OF THE TOWN AND DISTRICT

According to an announcement received by Mrs. N. A. Hiddell a daughter, Elizabeth Ora, was born to Mr. and Mrs. (Tiger) DeForest Lyons at Houston, Texas.


Mrs. Dingman has received word of the death of her daughter, Mrs. Whiting, in Ontario, on January 28. Mrs. Whiting was married in Gleichen nine years ago and is survived by her husband and five children.

Councillor J. H. Wright who has been confined to the Bessano hospital for some weeks has returned home. His many friends hope to see him around soon and enjoying the best of health.

The U. F. W. A. held their meeting on January 30 at the home of Mrs. A. Wilson with 17 members present. Roll call was answered by a grievance in Cooking. Mrs. Blane explained the Polly Anna Club. Mrs. J. Wilson gave an interesting paper on Household hints. Mrs. F. Sanson gave her report on the convention held in Calgary. The next meeting to be held will be on Feb. 12th at the home of Mrs. A. N. McLeay. This meeting will be a social evening.

The 1st Gleichen Guide Company the Brownies and the Rangers, at the memorial service for the late Baden-Powell at the United Church. Many were in attendance: also the Guides from Arrowwood. This form of service was held throughout all Alberta and the Guides led in their company prayer. All sides of the Empire deeply regret the loss of their great leader, but the good work will still carry on for the benefit of all mankind.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
Evening service at 7:30 p.m.
Rev. L. T. Pearson, incumbent.



Quick Results

May be depended upon from the use of our Want Ads. The Births, deaths, marriages and the other Classified Columns are usually included in even a very perfunctory perusal of the paper. They are as good for general business as they are for "Help Wanted," etc.

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